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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on May 14, 2008, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending August 14, 2008, was set in which to respond, the following amendment and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.